

ANNUAL INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT REPORT

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The USAID Water Security for Resilient Economic Growth and Stability (Be Secure) Project has complied with USAID's Disability Policy by ensuring that the project does not discriminate against persons with disabilities (PWDs) in the implementation of project activities. The project prepared a Disability Inclusion Plan, which was submitted to USAID as an annex to the project's monitoring and development plan, on May 1, 2014. Be Secure's Disability Inclusion Plan includes the following activities.

DISABILITY INCLUSION ACTIVITIES

MECHANISMS FOR INCLUSION	ACTIVITY	WHEN	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
Increased accessibility to water, sanitation and disaster risk reduction (DRR) information and knowledge, and participation in planning	Invite PWD groups in focal areas to public consultations, workshops or trainings on water, sanitation and DRR planning and implementation	Throughout the life of the project	Provincial coordinators

This annual report documents implementation of the plan in the project's focal areas.

Iloilo

The Be Secure Provincial Coordinator met with the Association of Disabled Persons of Iloilo, Inc. on January 5, 2015 to discuss how PWDs who are members or officers of water associations can participate in the Water Summit planned for March 2015 and invited them to attend.

Be Secure requested that the organizations invited to attend the Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM) training March 25-26, 2015 send PWDs to the training. PWDs, women's groups and senior citizens were also involved in the pre-testing of Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) information materials on March 6.

Misamis Oriental

In Cagayan de Oro, the Handicapped's Anchor is Christ, Inc., Cagayan de Oro Chapter (HACI de Oro) group regularly participates in Be Secure activities. Members of the group attended the training needs assessment on climate change adaptation (CCA)/DRR held January 20-21, 2015, the Water Code consultation on June 19, 2015 and presentation on climate projections on November 26, 2015.

Maguindanao

Be Secure included the PWD Focal Person in Cotabato City in the round table discussion for the project's Year Three planning. He expressed the needs and challenges faced by PWDs in availing of public

services and said he is looking forward to more PWD-friendly services in the future from both government and non-governmental organizations.

Be Secure shared with the members of municipal Water and Sanitation Task Forces from six towns in Maguindanao the importance of involving vulnerable groups in planning water and sanitation systems and if possible and appropriate, in all phases of project implementation.

Following discussions with Be Secure, the Cotabato City Septage Management Technical Working Group incorporated access for PWDs in their design of the proposed septage treatment facility, particularly in the main building and comfort rooms. Ramps and railings were also included in the design in compliance with the Batas Pambansa 344, An Act to Enhance the Mobility of Disabled Persons by Requiring Certain Buildings, Institutions, Establishments and Public Utilities and other Devices.

Basilan

Officers of PWD Isabela City, a local organization, attended two Be Secure events implemented by the project's subcontractor, Center for Disaster Preparedness. These were the training needs assessment on November 18-19, 2014 and the Participatory Vulnerability Assessment for Basilan Province on December 3-4, 2014.

Be Secure conducted a workshop on CCA/DRR for people with disabilities (PWDs) in partnership with the Basilan provincial government in Isabela City on July 21. This was part of the 37th National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation Week. Over 50 participants attended the event and developed a CCA/DRR action plan that prioritizes the needs of PWDs, who are particularly vulnerable during times of disaster as they are often not mobile and cannot easily be evacuated. The participants decided to organize all PWDs in Basilan into a formal province-wide organization to easily coordinate their needs with the provincial government and other sectors during disasters. As a result of the series of climate change trainings conducted by Be Secure in Basilan, the Inter-Faith Council of Leaders conducted a workshop on climate change impacts and resilience for 55 people in Barangay Tabuk, a coastal community in Isabela City, on July 31.



A workshop participant emphasizing that PWDs are not a liability to society and thanking Be Secure for acknowledging their importance to the community

Leyte

Be Secure, through its subcontractor Center for Disaster Preparedness, included the PWD sector in a focus group discussion included in the training needs assessment for Tacloban City on CCA/DRR held February 3-5. The PWD sector was represented by the Foundation for These-abled Persons, Inc. The Be Secure Provincial Coordinator also met the focal person of the foundation to discuss how PWDs can get involved in project activities, and reached out to an overarching organization for all PWDs in Leyte called Federation of Physically Disabled Persons of Leyte.